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Interesting Facts About Hair.

Whether the hair should be cut I never could satisfy myself. As a physiological practice, I seriously doubt the propriety. Every cutting is a wounding, and there is some sort of bleeding in consequence, and waste of vital force. I think it will be found that long-haired persons most frequently wear the hair long.

The cutting of the hair stimulates to a new growth, to supply the waste. Thus the energy required to maintain the vigor of the body is drawn off to make good the wanton destruction. It is said, I know, that after the hair has grown to a certain length it loses its vitality at the extremity, and splits or "breaks up." Whether this would be the case if the hair should never be cut I would like to know. When it is cut a fluid exudes, and forms a scab or cicatrix at each wound, thereby indicating that there has been injury.

Women and priests have generally worn long hair. I never could imagine why this distinction was made. The ancient priests were very often unsexed, devoted to a vow of celibacy, but I cannot surmise whether that had anything to do with it. Kings wore their hair long, in imitation of Samson, and the golden Sun-God Mithras. I suspect from this that the first men shorn were slaves and laborers; that freemen wore their hair untrimmed, as the sign of a perfect manhood, and manliness. If this be correct, the new era of freedom, when it ever shall dawn, will be characterized by men unshorn as well as women unpervered.

I wish that our science and our civilization had better devices for preserving the integrity of the hair. Baldness is a deformity, and premature whiteness, a defect. If the head was in health, and the body in proper vigor, I am confident that this would not be. I am apprehensive that our dietetic habits occasion the bleaching of the hair; the stiff, arsenic prepared hat is responsible for much of the baldness. Our hats are unhealthy, from the tricks of the hat-makers. I suppose there are other causes, however. Heredity has its influence. Certain diseases, with the hair at its roots, others lower the vitality of the skin, and so depauperate the body.

I acknowledge that the shingled head disgusts me. It can not be wholesome. The most sensitive part of the head is at the back where the neck joins. That place exposed to unusual cold or heat is liable to receive an injury that will be permanent, if not fatal, in a short period. The exposed head wants protection, and the hair affords this as no other protection can. Men have beards because they need them, and it is wicked to cut them off. No growth or part of the body is superfluous, and we ought, as candidates for health and long life, to preserve ourselves from violence or mutilation. Integrity is the true manly standard.—Dr. Wilder, in Medical Journal.

Next time you feel like telling a man just what you think of him be in mind the fact that an average blow from a man's fist, if landed where the forehead will produce instant death. Prepare to dodge.—Detroit Free Press.

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PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

WILLIAM EDWARDS, a prisoner en route for the penitentiary at Moundsville, W. Va., in charge of the Sheriff of Cabel County, jumped from the train three miles east of Zanesville, O., a few nights ago, and was killed.

EIGHT messengers of the American Express Company on the route from Chicago to Winona, Minn., have been discharged for dishonesty.

A few nights ago, a Mexican named Leon, a resident of Monter De Las Lajas, N. M., while riding homeward, was stopped by a young American and shot dead. The highwayman rode off with the dead man's horse and valuables.

The failure of W. J. Pope & Co., Montreal lumber merchants, for \$100,000, is announced.

SEVEN men were killed and eleven others were wounded in the unfinished bridge on the Sunset Road in Texas recently.

MR. GLADSTONE on the 13th celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his election as a member of the British House of Commons.

A FIRE destroyed the house of Singleton James, on a plantation near Stockbridge, Ga., a few nights ago. Thomas Knight and two children were burned to death. Knight was lying drunk in the house when the fire occurred.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL HOWE has it is said made arrangements for the manufacture of two-cent stamps on an extensive scale.

The Western Nail Association at a recent meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa., reported trade good and the outlook encouraging.

At the age of eighty years Henry Z. Jenkins, the oldest member of the I. O. O. F. in the West, died a few days ago at his home in Camden, Ind. He had been postmaster at Camden for seventeen years.

It has been voted by the Old South Church in Boston to pay to the family of its deceased pastor, Dr. Jacob M. Manning, \$8,000 per annum for six years.

WITHIN the past few days seven earthquake shocks have occurred in the province of Aragon, in Spain.

SEVERAL of the most extensive co-operative stores in Dublin, Ireland, were destroyed by a recent fire.

An explosion a few days ago in a powder magazine at Guayaquil, Central America, killed sixty persons.

DURING the past year the receipts of grain at Chicago were 25,000,000 bushels less than the year previous. At Cincinnati nearly 5,000,000 bushels greater.

MORRIS & Co., of Buffalo, N. Y., and W. Morris, of Lancaster, Eng., the plate makers, have failed. Liabilities, \$180,000 and \$180,000, respectively.

ROBERT L. STUART, the retired sugar-refiner of New York, died a few days ago, at the age of seventy-four years.

The papers in the city work-house at Vienna, France, revolted a few days ago, sacked the Warden and fired the building. The papers were ordered out to suppress the revolt. Forty arrests had been made.

The extensive depot and wharf, together with sixty cars and ten locomotives belonging to the Manhattan Beach Railroad Company, at Bay Ridge, near New York City, were destroyed by fire a few nights ago. Loss, \$300,000. One man was burned to death.

A NEW paper, called *The Moon*, prepared entirely by the lunatics confined in the Ward's Island Asylum, New York City, has made its appearance. Dr. McDonald said there was plenty of talent in the asylum to supply matter.

The Directors of the Baltimore & Ohio Road have re-elected John W. Garrett President for the twenty-fifth consecutive term.

The death is announced of Mrs. Maria Appleby, of Morrisville, N. J., aged 104 years, seven months and three days. She was born in New York in 1778 and was one of the thirteen young girls who represented the thirteen original States in Gen. Washington's mock funeral procession in New York City.

THE other day a sneak-thief in Cleveland, O., stole a bag containing \$10,000 worth of diamonds from a jewelry store.

As a result of the recent failure of Biddulph, Wood & Jevons, of Liverpool, five other tin-plate houses in England have suspended, with aggregated liabilities of \$400,000.

THERE was recently shipped from New York four car-loads of sheep, said to be the present from the Marquis of Lorne to Queen Victoria.

A FEW days ago Robert Morris, the first colored man admitted to the bar, died in Boston.

THE Manitoba Penitentiary inmates, who recently made a desperate effort to escape, were sentenced to receive fifty lashes each for their attempt to secure freedom.

At Ironton, O., the residence of P. Stafford was destroyed by fire a few nights ago, and Mrs. Stafford perished in the flames.

JOHN REDD, of Seale, Ala., and Peter Thomas, of Mansfield, La., were hanged on the 15th for murder.

A FEW days since two letter pouches filled with matter from New York for Colorado and New Mexico were stolen and plundered near Terre Haute, Ind.

THE Commissioners of the Freedmen's Savings and Trust Company at Washington received the past year \$455,334. Another dividend would be paid, requiring \$288,527.

A FEW days ago the steamer Kate Hiney, with her cargo, burned at the Shreveport, La., wharf. The flames from the burning boat